

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 12-19, 21-27, and 30 were finally rejected in the Office Action of December 3, 2003.

Claims 31-34 were objected to but allowable if rewritten in independent form, and Claims 13-19 and 21-22 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112.

Claims 9, 10, 11, 13, 20, 28 , 29, 31 are cancelled without prejudice, and Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite limitations of Claim 13, and to correct the claim language to eliminate "by by" as requested by the Examiner.

Claim 21 has been amended to include the language of Claim 1, and has been rewritten in independent form.

Claim 23 has been amended to recite limitations of Claim 31.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and allow the claims, as amended.

Respectfully Submitted,

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